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GREGG CALLS CONTINUED EXPANSION OF WEATHER RADIO ESSENTIAL FOR NH RESIDENTS TO WEATHER STORMY CONDITIONS

Pack Monadnock Mountain latest NH site to receive NOAA Radio Transmitter

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today lauded the increased safety provided by the recently activated National Weather Radio transmitter on Pack Monadnock Mountain in Peterborough, which will broadcast highly accurate and timely forecasts to alert residents of severe weather problems moving into their area. The transmitter is currently testing its signal and is scheduled to be fully operational in a few weeks, bringing the number of transmitters in the Granite State to four. Through his position as the Chairman and former Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees funding for the Department of Commerce and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Senator Gregg has secured \$355,000 over the last two years for statewide expansion of the signal. In addition to the transmitter on Pack Monadnock, and the original transmitter located in Concord, the weather service began broadcasting from the summit of Mount Washington and Stratham last year. Tenney Mountain near Plymouth and Holden Hill in Coos County are possible expansion sites in the future.

Senator Gregg stated, "Granite Staters know that the amount of snow and inclement weather our state receives, especially this winter, make travel and day-to-day activities difficult. The unpredictability of New Hampshire's weather twelve months a year is why the statewide expansion of the National Weather Service radio is so important. It is crucial that residents and visitors have accurate and up to the minute forecasts to properly plan and prepare for stormy conditions. With the continued expansion of the signal, most residents, significant portions of our neighboring states, as well as boaters off our coast can stay tuned to rapidly changing weather patterns to safely prepare for approaching storms."

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